

Judicial Branch Appropriations Bill Senate File 616

Comparison Report

Last Action:

House Floor

April 23, 2019

An Act relating to appropriations to the Judicial Branch.

See the attached tracking document for appropriations differences.

**Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency**

NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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SF 616 as passed by the Senate	House Appropriations Committee Amendment H-1254	House Amendment S-3216
<p><u>FUNDING SUMMARY</u> FY 2020 General Fund: Appropriates a net total of \$184.2 million. This appropriation includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$181.1 million to the Judicial Branch for operations. This is an increase of \$3.6 million compared to estimated net FY 2019. • \$3.1 million to the Jury and Witness Fee Revolving Fund. This is no change compared to estimated net FY 2019. 	<p><u>FUNDING SUMMARY</u> FY 2020 General Fund: Appropriates a net total of \$185.5 million. This appropriation includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$182.4 million to the Judicial Branch for operations. This is an increase of \$4.8 million compared to estimated net FY 2019. • \$3.1 million to the Jury and Witness Fee Revolving Fund. This is no change compared to estimated net FY 2019. <p>Difference Compared to SF 616: The House Appropriations Committee amendment appropriates \$1.3 million more than SF 616 from the General Fund for FY 2020.</p>	<p><u>FUNDING SUMMARY</u> FY 2020 General Fund: Appropriates a net total of \$184.2 million. This appropriation includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$181.1 million to the Judicial Branch for operations. This is an increase of \$3.6 million compared to estimated net FY 2019. • \$3.1 million to the Jury and Witness Fee Revolving Fund. This is no change compared to estimated net FY 2019. <p>Difference Compared to Estimated Net FY 2019: The House amendment appropriates an increase of \$3.6 million compared to estimated net FY 2019.</p>

Language Differences		
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<p>Clerk of District Court Operations: Requires the offices of the Clerk of the District Court to operate in all 99 counties and be accessible to the public as much as is reasonably possible in order to address the relative needs of the citizens of each county. At minimum, an Office of the Clerk of the District Court must be open to the public at least during the same hours as other county offices in the respective county. If county offices are open for a varying number of hours, the Office of the Clerk of District Court shall be open consistent with the county office that is open the greatest number of hours.</p>	<p>Clerk of District Court Operations: Specifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Judicial Branch operate offices of the Clerk of the District Court in all 99 counties and that the offices be accessible to the public as much as reasonably possible.</p>	<p>Clerk of Court Operations: Specifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Judicial Branch operate offices of the Clerk of the District Court in all 99 counties and that the offices be accessible to the public as much as reasonably possible in order to address the relative needs of the citizens of each county. Requires the office of the Clerk of the District Court to be open regular courthouse hours.</p>
<p>Judicial Salaries: Requires the Judicial Branch to increase the annual salary rates of judges and magistrates to the amounts specified in the Bill starting in FY 2020. The salary increase for each position is approximately 2.0%.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact: Based on the current number of judgeships filled, the total funding required to provide all judicial officers with a 2.0% salary increase in FY 2020 is approximately \$700,000.</p>	<p>Judicial Salaries: Amends Iowa Code section 602.1501 regarding judicial salaries. Permits the Supreme Court, beginning in FY 2020, to increase the annual salary rates for each judicial position by an amount not to exceed 2.0% of the salary rate set by the General Assembly each fiscal year.</p>	<p>Judicial Salaries: Requires the Judicial Branch to increase the annual salary rates of judges and magistrates to the amounts specified in the Bill starting in FY 2020. The salary increase for each position is approximately 2.0%.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact: Based on the current number of judgeships filled, the total funding required to provide all judicial officers with a 2.0% salary increase in FY 2020 is approximately \$700,000.</p>

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<i>Not included in SF 616.</i>	<i>Learning Center Museum:</i> Permits the Judicial Branch to establish a learning center museum corporation as a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of soliciting funds and accepting donations, gifts, and bequests and disbursing those funds for an interactive museum of legal history within the Judicial Branch building. The corporation cannot receive appropriations from the State and is required to reimburse the State for the cost of utilities to operate the learning center museum. A board of directors will govern the corporation.	<i>Not included in House Amendment S-3216</i>

Justice System General Fund

	Estimated FY 2019 (1)	Senate Action FY 2020 (2)	House Approp FY 2020 (3)	House Action FY 2020 (4)	House Action vs Est FY 2019 (5)
Judicial Branch					
Judicial Branch	\$ 177,574,797	\$ 181,126,293	\$ 182,390,991	\$ 181,126,293	\$ 3,551,496
Jury & Witness Fee Revolving Fund	3,100,000	3,100,000	3,100,000	3,100,000	0
Total Judicial Branch	\$ 180,674,797	\$ 184,226,293	\$ 185,490,991	\$ 184,226,293	\$ 3,551,496
Total Justice System	\$ 180,674,797	\$ 184,226,293	\$ 185,490,991	\$ 184,226,293	\$ 3,551,496

Justice System

FTE Positions

	Estimated FY 2019 (1)	Senate Action FY 2020 (2)	House Approp FY 2020 (3)	House Action FY 2020 (4)	House Action vs Est FY 2019 (5)
<u>Judicial Branch</u>					
Judicial Branch	1,770.63	1,770.63	1,828.63	1,770.63	0.00
Total Judicial Branch	<u>1,770.63</u>	<u>1,770.63</u>	<u>1,828.63</u>	<u>1,770.63</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Justice System	<u><u>1,770.63</u></u>	<u><u>1,770.63</u></u>	<u><u>1,828.63</u></u>	<u><u>1,770.63</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>